GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:70
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2000
POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES IN BIHAR
DUKHA BHAGAT;PRABHUNATH SINGH;RAJESH RANJAN (PAPPU YADAV)

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of post offices in rural area of Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of Village Panchayats in the State particularly villages in Lohardaga district having post and telegraph office facility, district-wise;

(c) the time limit fixed for making such facilities available in each of the village panchayats of the State;

(d) whether the inordinate delay is taking place in the distribution of mail in the villages; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to accelerate the distribution of mail in the said villages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) There are 11965 Post Offices functioning in Bihar out of which 11220 are in rural areas. A rural Post Office in Bihar serves 15.16 Sq. Km. area. Average population served in rural area per post office is 6587.

(b) There are 8579 Gram Panchayat villages having Post Offices.In Lohardaga District there are 27 Gram Panchayat villages having Post Offices. Gram Panchayat Village having Post Offices are shown in Annexure-A. District wise Number of village Panchayat having telegraph facility is shown in Annexure-B.

(c) Post Offices are opened as per plan projections subject to norms based justification, availability of resources and sanctioning of ED Agent posts for the new post offices by Ministry of Finance.

No specific targets have been fixed for providing of Telecom telegraph facilities in each villages Panchayat. As per policy of the Department, each village is to be provided with Public Telephone facility by March, 2002. Public telephones opened in Post Offices are used to provide telegraph facility on Phonocom.

(d) No Sir, the delivery of mail in villages of Bihar is as per norms fixed in this regard. As per the last all India rural live mail survey conducted in 1999, 84% of the mail is being delivered within the prescribed norms.

(e) Although delivery of the mails in the villages is as per norms, mail and delivery arrangements are reviewed regularly and remedial measures are taken when ever required.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS(b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 70 FOR 24TH JULY, 2000 REGAF
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ANNEXURE -A & B

District wise No. of Village Panchayat with Post Office and Telegraph Facility in the State of Bihar

S.No.	Name of District	No.of GP villages with PO	No.of GP villages with Telegraph Facility
1	PATNA	246	98
2	NALANDA	221	65
3	BHOJPUR	242	56
4	BUXAR	139	40
5	GAYA	196	84
6	NAWADA	112	45
7	JAHANABAD	128	25
8	BHAGALPUR	178	98
9	BANKA	108	36
10	SARAN	239	71
11	VAISHALI	245	148
12	AURANGABAD	170	64

13	ROHTAS	162	69
14	BHABHUA	73	37
15	PALAMU	231	73
16	GARHWA	84	32
17	RANCHI	265	98
18	GUMLA	168	56
19	LOHARDAGA	27	25
20	E.SINGHBHUM	116	26
21	W.SINGHBHUM	167	28
22	DHANBAD	86	45
23	BOKARO	113	33
24	GIRIDIH	173	70
25	HAZARIBAGH	120	65
26	CHATRA	54	23
27	KODARMA	49	23
28	DUMKA	174	49
29	SAHIBGANJ	48	28
30	GODA	94	27
31	DEOGHAR	68	25
32	PAKUR	47	32
32	MUNGER	91	96
34	JAMUI	109	35
35	LAKHISARAI	72	25
36	SHEKHPURA	41	28
37	BEGUSARAI	205	125
38	KHAGARIA	114	74
39	MADHUBANI	331	64
40	PURNEA	171	48
41	DARBHANGA	233	117
42	ARARIA	155	64
43	KATIHAR	172	67
44	KISHANGANJ	85	45
45	SAHARSA	148	52
46	SUPAUL	158	72
47	MADHEPURA	161	79
48	SIWAN	251	108
49	GOPALGANJ	184	95
50	SAMASTIPUR	291	116
51	MUZAFFARPUR	289	62
52	SITAMARHI	239	122
53	SHEOHAR	13	33
54	E.CHAMPARAN	310	101
55	W.CHAMPARAN	213	72
	Total	8579	3394